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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William P. Clements, Jr.
Department of Defense

Mr. William J. Porter
Department of State

Admiral Thomas H. Moorer
Joint Chiefs of Staff
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Request for Authorization to Fly SR-71 Photographic
Reconnaissance Missions over North Vietnam

The Chairman asks that I obtain the vote of 40 Committee principals on the attached paper.

I understand that this subject was discussed at a WSAG meeting and this paper prepared as a result, and that subsequently the IDEALIST mission referred to in paragraph 4.b. (and 6.b.) was approved for implementation after 28 March.

As this paper points out, specific timing for any mission would depend upon the weather, but the Chairman is not considering implementation prior to 28 March 1973.

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Executive Secretary
The 40 Committee

Attachment

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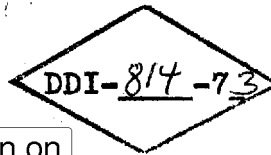
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DATE: 22 March 1973

TO: See Below

FROM: GACarver, Jr.

SUBJECT:



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REMARKS:

Attached is the final coordinated response to Dr. Kissinger's request at the 13 March WSAG meeting for a proposal to fly SR-71 photographic missions over North Vietnam. Also included are my 15 March transmittal memorandum, my memorandum to Vice Admiral de Poix, and a 19 March memorandum from the Executive Secretary of the 40 Committee requesting a vote by the principals on the proposal. The latter also notes that the IDEALIST North Vietnamese coastal mission has been approved for implementation after 28 March.


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Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

Attachments



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